

REMARKS

This supplemental response is intended as a full and complete reply to the Office Action dated June 23, 2010, having a shortened statutory period set to expire on September 23, 2010.

Claims 1-3 and 131-136 are currently pending in the Application.

Claim 4 and 137-144 have been cancelled by way of this response.

Claims 5-130 have been previously cancelled.

Applicant again wishes to thank Examiner Colbert for the time taken to discuss the application at issue, and for the Examiner's indication that the claims are allowable over the art of record. The amendments and remarks expressed herein are believed to overcome the stated objections to the Drawings and Claims, and the rejections under 35 USC §112.

Drawings

The Office Action objected to the drawings due to difficulty reading element 1632a within Figure 16D.

A corrected drawing sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) has been submitted with this response. It is believed that the replacement sheet addresses and overcomes the objection to the Drawings.

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 131-134, and 137 stand objected to due to various informalities.

Each recitation of Claim 1 stated in the Office Action has been amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner, with the exception of the recitation "at least one of the buyer and the seller," which was replaced with "at least one buyer, at least one seller, or combinations thereof."

It is believed this language is identical in scope and meaning to the original recitation, relating to either or both of the recited elements, while the suggested recitation “to at least one buyer and at least one seller” would relate to both elements.

Similarly, the recitation “the other of the buyer or the seller” was replaced with “the at least one buyer or the at least one seller.” It is believed this language is identical in scope and meaning to the original recitation, relating to either of the recited elements.

Similar amendments were made, where appropriate, within Claims 132-134. No informalities similar to those noted in Claim 1 were found in Claim 131.

It is believed that each of the objections to Claims 1 and 131-134 have been overcome through the amendments to the claims.

Claim 4 stands objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim.

While no admission or disclaimer is made, Claim 4 has been cancelled by way of this response.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112

Claims 1, 131, 132, 137, and 138 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1, 131, and 132 have been amended to replace the recitation “at least one medium” with “at least one data storage medium,” as suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 137 and 138 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, with all rights reserved to pursue these and any related claims in one or more continuation applications.

Conclusion

In light of the above discussion, Applicant respectfully submits that the application now stands in *prima facie* condition for allowance and courteously requests that this application be advanced to issue.

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Colbert for the indication that Claims 1-4 and 131-136 are allowable once amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC §112, second paragraph.

The Applicant is of the opinion that no fees are required concurrent with this response. However, if any fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby respectfully authorized to deduct such fees from Deposit Account Number 13-2166.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicant's representative at 713-355-4200, to discuss any matters that may arise, where such discussion may resolve such matters and place this application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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